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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the election of species requirement set forth in the Official Action dated June 9, 2003, applicants hereby elect the species wherein the photosensitive layer comprises a polyurethane resin binder comprising an aliphatic cyclic structure which has a carboxyl group as a substituent directly or indirectly attached to the structure. A specific embodiment of this binder is in Example 31 set forth in Table 5 on page 128 of the specification which uses binder P-2 that is described on page 102. The claims reading on this embodiment are believed to be claims 1, 4, 7-10, 12 and 14.

This election is made without traverse and to the extent that non-elected species remain in the application, applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications relating thereto.

Favorable consideration on the merits is respectfully requested and applicants also request that the Examiner consider the documents presented in the Information Disclosure Statements filed on November 6, 2001, and April 1, 2002, and provided initialed copies of the citation forms with the next Official Action.

Respectfully submitted,

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